

Friends of Sandall Park
Minutes of Special General Meeting¹
Wednesday 15th October 2008
(Sandalwood Centre)

Apologies: E & D Hughes, S Coddington, J & R Ketley, J Hall, N Marshall, W Gethin, Carolyne Burton.

Present: S & D Crabtree, B Darrand, N Gethin, M Hood, Carol Burton, L Nokes, M Smith, R Dove, B Boughen, D Bailey, D Ward

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting read and agreed.

2. Matters arising

1. In AOB Sandra was to look at CRB checks for the group. She had met with Janet Gillot and Craig Waugh and the advice was that it was unnecessary: CRB's had to be relevant to the event and most group leaders that we would be working with would have the relevant checks in place. No further action required.

3. Business Plan

3(i). Crime Reduction Plan

a Authorative Presence

The PCSO's had done some evening patrols but had come across nothing untoward, and hadn't seen any night fishing. Carol said she'd seen some fishing around 7.30pm last week, it had just turned dark, Debbie B would report back to the patrol officers.

ACTION: D Bailey to advise PCSO's re night fishing.

b Enforcement

Don reported:

1. Some offenders had been tackled with regards to litter. These had been photographed, identified and reported to SNT. They were asked to pick up the litter (KFC serviettes and other rubbish thrown around) but had hurled abuse. They had been followed around the park until they returned and picked up the bulk of the litter. A member of the public had voluntarily assisted Don & Sandra and expressed a positive attitude to what had been done. Results of action by SNT are awaited.
2. Damage had been caused to a bench within the space of half an hour (seen undamaged during that time). The bench will need repainting. (Crime reported to police).
3. Having talked to regular park-goers – a suspect (identity not confirmed) has been identified for the theft of water lily from the bog pond.

¹ In accordance with the new Charity Commission Constitution, all general meetings shall be called Special General Meetings.

4. The police crime prevention officer had not sent through his report regarding the visit to the park.

3(ii) Designing Out Crime

a Golf Course

Despite the setbacks of cost and regulations – the work had started on schedule and the Thorne Road side was already looking extremely nice. Many passersby and residents had approached the officers on safety duty and expressed their pleasure at the changes. (Prior to the start of the meeting an elderly lady had come into the meeting room to express her gratitude for the lovely view of the park she now had opposite her house, and to quell fears of a potential house building project).

(ii) Sandra has submitted the funding bid for the replacement trees, picnic benches, bins and fitness equipment. A decision would be made within 8 weeks as to its success, if we go through to the next stage, there will be more work to do and another decision process.

(iii) Don suggested that we need to start as we mean to go on and introduce dog waste bins as soon as the new fence goes up. Bearing in mind that any funding would not be accessible for some months, he suggested we purchase some bins out of funds. D Bailey said that the SNT would be able to supply some bins on posts with appropriate labelling.

ACTION: D Bailey to request provision of dog waste bins.

3(iii) Park Development

Toilets

No development at this time. Moira said that budget meetings would start in the near future and she would ensure the matter was raised.

3(iv) Angling Club

Maintenance

a. Barrie outlined the points of lake where anglers were allowed to fish, and not where the posts they had erected directed they should not.

b. The bailiffs had been advised to challenge any anglers who dissented from the rules, and eject any who failed to comply.

c. He said they (the angling club) did a lot of litter picking – not just litter left by anglers but plastic bags and bottles dropped by the public. They also spent a lot of time clearing the lake of general rubbish.

d. The group were shown a range of hooks, connected by line, which had been retrieved from the lake. These were not normal for anglers and were generally used by illegal anglers who also do 'long line fishing'. This was normally a night time occupation when the lines would be visited long after being thrown in.

ACTION: D Bailey to report this back to SNT for attention.

- e. Lisa reported that the lake corner had been dredged of rubbish by a contractor.
- f. Barrie invited anyone who would like to attend from the group to the Angling Club Presentation Night – 7.30pm on 14th November at Peglers Social Club off Springwell lane. There will be a buffet.

3(v) Bog Pond

Volunteer week/Make a Difference Day is scheduled to start week commencing 20th October as planned. Jobs for the week were discussed.

3(vi) Communications

a. Web Site

Don said the web site was still going strong with regular visits daily and many new visitors. A lady from Thorne had visited and made a comment on how nice the park looked in comparison to Thorne park.

b. Notice Boards

- (i) Thanks to Carol and Graham Burton for a good job done in painting the new double notice board next to the play area.
- (ii) New heading boards depicting our web site had been purchased and affixed at a cost of £50.

c. Newsletters/promotional Material

A newsletter will be designed for distribution to visitors in the park during volunteer week.

3(vii) Funding/Events

a. Music in the Park 2009

Sandra & Don had met with Janet Sissons and Sarah Richards and the end result was that our concert would not be included in the Hothouse Festival. For it to go ahead, we would need to look for funding ourselves. Sandra asked for the group to consider if they could take on the task of looking for funding.

c. Fakefest

Sandra & Don had met with Jez who organises concerts based on tribute bands. They were impressed with his professional organisation and had asked him to provide such an event in Sandall Park. A meeting had then been held with Anita Johnson and things looked positive for everything to proceed.

d. Quiz Night

Proceeding as planned.

e. Funding/Treasurers Report

- (i) Neil G gave an update on the financial state.
- (ii) Lottery income was £23.31 which is lower than normal, but still reaps over £200 per year for our funds. Sandra said she had enrolled another player.
- (iii) The Gaming Licence had been received.
- (iv) Sandra said that the Grassroots Programme was available to us to apply for funding of up to £5000 if anyone felt they could take that on.

- f. Doncaster in Bloom Event
Neil G said he wasn't sure whether he could get there in time for the event. Carol said she would see if she could attend. 6 places were available.
- g. Christmas meeting
17th December at the Wheatley Hotel – no formal meeting during December.

4. **Any Other Business**

Don said that the sponsor money for the Aurora Care to Run was starting to come in and so far £16,000 had been sent in.

9. **Date of next meeting:**

Wednesday **3 December** 2008 (instead of November as most members not available during November).